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In force. SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 17.

Passed  
February  
27, 1856.

AN ACT amendatory of the act incorporating the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of Maryland, passed at December session eighteen hundred and forty, chapter sixty-seven, authorising the said convention to take and hold subscriptions or contributions in money, or otherwise, for religious or charitable purposes.

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tended.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the corporate powers and privileges conferred upon the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Maryland by the original act to which this is an amendment, shall be and the same are hereby extended to enable the said convention to take and hold subscriptions or contributions in money or otherwise, which may be made to or in behalf of the various associations for religious or charitable purposes, now existing or hereafter to exist in the several counties of this State and in the city of Baltimore, under the sanction of said convention, and to appoint in its discretion executive committees or other trustees, by whatever name or names they may be designated, for administering the respective funds so arising as aforesaid, in such manner and form and with such authority as the said convention may from time to time prescribe;

Proviso.

*Provided always*, That in such administration the respective funds shall be kept distinct and separate, and that each fund shall be held liable only for obligations that may have been incurred in its own proper behoof.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the day when an official certificate of its acceptance by the said convention shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

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